

# Private Land Archery Deer Hunting in Kansas City

On December 18, 2003 the City Council of the City of Kansas City, Missouri unanimously passed an ordinance which allows “bow hunting of deer within the city limits by licensed hunters on allowed hunting areas pursuant to an archery managed hunt authorized by the Missouri Department of Conservation”. This decision was brought about over concerns of high deer densities within the city limits, high number of deer-vehicle collisions, and input from concerned citizens. The hope of the council was to reduce the number of deer within the city and in effect increase public safety. However, based on concerns for public safety, the council decided on a managed hunting structure rather than opening hunting citywide.

## Archery Managed Hunts with Limited Access

Landowners within the city limits of Kansas City that own **5 acres** or more may enter into a memorandum of agreement with MDC to manage white-tailed deer. The landowner again is the onsite manager of the hunt, but recruits hunters of his/her choosing. Hunters purchase resident or nonresident archery or firearms deer hunting permits. **Hunting is restricted to archery equipment.** Participating hunters receive a hunter authorization card to confirm that they have permission to participate in the hunt. Harvested deer are checked in at any established check station in the county of harvest, but the landowner is responsible for keeping a record of all deer harvested on the property.

In the concerns for public safety each property that is signed up is evaluated to determine the overall safety precautions for the archery hunt. Occasionally there are properties too close to residential neighborhoods to fully support a safe and accident free opportunity. These properties are rejected for the urban managed hunts.

## The goals of the Urban White-tailed Deer Management Program in Kansas City, Missouri:

- 1) To reduce the number of deer within the City of Kansas City, MO using archery methods. To accomplish this goal the **main focus of the archery hunts will be the harvest of antlerless deer.**
- 2) To reduce the number of deer-vehicle collisions within the City of Kansas City, MO. Attempts will be made to encourage landowners in areas with high deer-vehicle collision rates to open their property to controlled hunting.
- 3) To ensure the highest level of safety for both hunters and the general public by creating a set of rules and restrictions for participating hunters and by making every attempt to notify adjacent landowners.
- 4) To serve as an example of herd reduction for other Missouri municipalities experiencing similar white-tailed deer problems as Kansas City, Missouri.

**For further information or to sign up a property  
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